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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
Damon et al.

: Before the Examiner:  
: Cao, Diem K.

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Serial No.: 09/675,545

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Title: AN EFFICIENT TIMER  
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

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**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of April 18, 2003 (Paper No. 5), having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on July 18, 2003, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks:

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**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8**

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